



Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge

Welcome Back Waterfowl Day

April 1

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Observe and learn about the ducks, swans, geese, and other birds migrating through the Bitterroot Valley at the Refuge. Bitterroot Audubon, Bitterroot National Forest, Refuge staff and volunteers will be available on Wildfowl Lane with spotting scopes for close-up views of the waterfowl and to answer questions. In addition, the 2006 Montana Junior Duck Stamp winners will be on display in the Refuge's new Visitor Center.

Behind the Signs - Spring Refuge Tours

April 15 & 29, May 13 & 27 (weather permitting)

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Discover the wild side of the Refuge on a three-hour driving tour through the northern section.

Sign-up is required.

Weed Pull

May 20

10 am – 1 pm

Have an exotic experience! Pull weeds from foreign lands growing on the Refuge - Get dirty for a good cause. Call Deborah Goslin for more information 777-5552 x204.



Citizen Conservation Experiences

Dates TBA

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This is a new programming series that will feature: workshops, lectures, and interactive activities. It will be launched during the month of June.

The series will be bi-weekly and feature wildlife oriented topics interesting for all family members.

Bitterroot Birding & Nature Festival

June 10 & 11

Celebrate migratory and breeding birds of the Bitterroot Valley along with other fauna, local history, and western culture. This community festival has a variety of activities for all ages; field trips, award ceremonies, recreation challenge, special presentations, exhibits, artwork, children's activities, and more. Highlights include:

2nd Annual BioThon (Be Active Bitterroot recreational programming)

2006 Jr. Duck Stamp Award Ceremony

2005/06 Federal Duck Stamp Exhibit

Bitterroot Draft Horse & Mule Club Wagon Rides



Kid's Fishing Clinic

June 3

Times: TBA

Learn about fish biology, fishing ethics, and the important role of the Refuge in fisheries resources. Young anglers will also experience fishing first-hand on the Refuge ponds. Advance sign-up is required. Ages 7-12.

Western Montana Lewis & Clark Bicentennial 19 Day Celebration

– *Come Walk the Trails with Us* –

June 26 – 28

Join Refuge staff in reliving the *Corps of Discovery* experience.

- Nature walks @ 10 am - *Be Active Bitterroot* programming (partnership with the Bitterroot National Forest).

- Ritchie Doyle/John Joyner – *Music from the Trail*



This is special programming slated for the outdoor amphitheater. Fiddle music and song will be the vehicle for entertainment, learning, and fun (sing along) lead by Captain Clark on June 26 at Noon.

- Carla Wambach will have two programs (11 am and 2 pm on June 27) designed for children. Learn about the birds, animals, and plants discovered by the Corps. This is a great opportunity for family learning and entertainment.



Chantilly Theatre

Late July/early August

Attend the inaugural summer theatre @ the outdoor amphitheatre in partnership with Stevensville's own Chantilly Theatre. The play theme will center on conservation. Call 777-5552 for information updates.

Behind the Signs – Summer Refuge Tour

August 12 & 26

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Discover the wild side of the Refuge on a three-hour driving tour through the northern section. Group size limited to 20. Sign-up required.

Home School Outdoors Day

September 12

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This event is open to Bitterroot Valley K-12 home schooled students. There will be twenty different education stations, accented by hands-on activities, for students to attend. Sign-up required.

Youth Waterfowl Clinic

September 16

9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Acquire skills to become a successful and ethical waterfowl hunter. Young sport enthusiasts will learn about waterfowl identification, duck calling, decoy placement, dog retrieving, and ethics. Advanced sign-up is required. Ages 12-16.

National Wildlife Refuge Week

October 9 - 15

Explore the Refuge and it's wildlife through a variety of activities, from bird walks (*Be Active Bitterroot* programming) to refuge tours.

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